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Panel also says Lopez firm liable for deaths



BOTANIST Leonard Co in photo lifted from his Facebook account

A THREE-MEMBER team of the Department of Justice (DOJ) has cleared the military of any liability in the killing of botanist Leonard Co and two of his companions last November in Leyte, blaming the deaths on communist rebels.



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Ampatuan lawyers: Could victims have hurt themselves?

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Corona hits smear job on SC

CJ defends decisions, says they're just doing their constitutional duty

CHIEF JUSTICE Renato Corona said a "propaganda war" has been unleashed against the Supreme Court, assailing its recent decisions on certain high-profile cases and accusing the high court of being a stumbling block to the anticorruption campaign of the Aquino administration.

Powers



CORONA





Ex-UP Law dean bares hazing in varsity judo

Dismissal of 3 coaches sought



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No comment

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Fewer students dropping out of HS

Noy for Mar in 2016? Palace denies endorsement

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Garcia got it wrong on plea bargain, prosecutors say



Passing P-Noy's bills a snap, say solons

By Christine O. Avendaño

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Municipality of Palo

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For 'hijacking' of Edsa II, ex-solon wants GMA probed

By Julie M. Aurelio

Coast Guard on high alert

By Jerome Aning

Top steel importer faces smuggle raps

THE BUREAU of Customs yesterday filed a P1.3 billion smuggling case against one of the country's top importers of steel.

False weights

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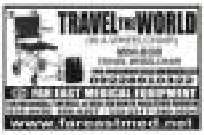
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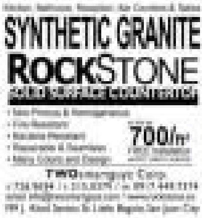
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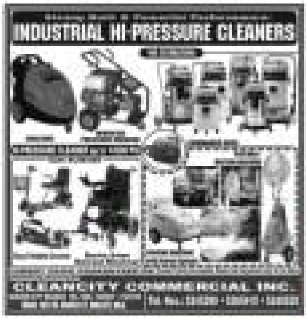
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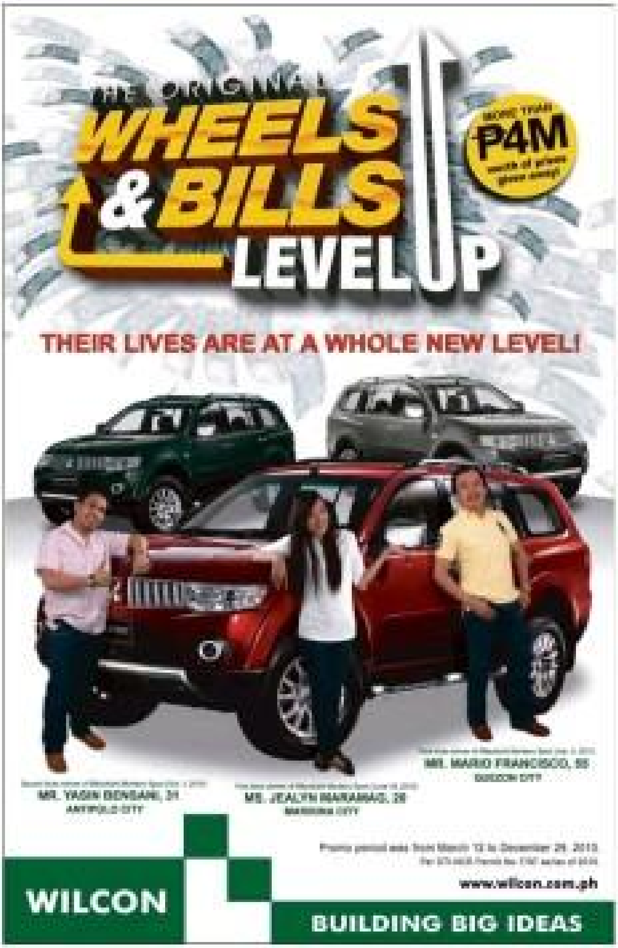
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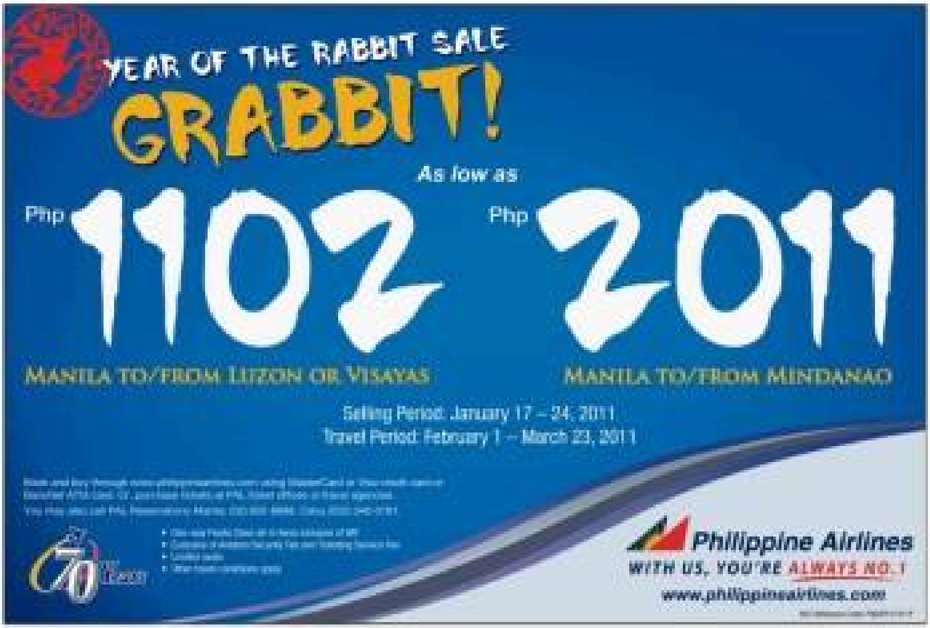
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Zubiri proposes death penalty revival

By Christina V. Deocadiz [illegible]

PROPOSALS to resurrect the death penalty have been resurfaced in the Senate following the spate of crimes that rocked Metro Manila in the new year.

Sen. Juan Miguel Zubiri filed Senate Bill (SB) No. 2383 seeking the re-imposition of the capital punishment on murderers and drug traffickers.

But some of his colleagues promptly shot down the plan, saying the death penalty would not be the solution.

Sen. Francis Pangilinan suggested that a "certainty" be [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible].

In SB No. 2383, Zubiri argued that the removal of the death penalty law in 2006 was "greeted with jubilation by criminal syndicates and hardened criminals."

Setbacks

"Recent events would prove the fear of the silent majority of our society to be true, that is, the repeal of the death penalty sets us back on our peace and order efforts," he said in the bill's explanatory note.

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Congressional body on Cha-cha proposed

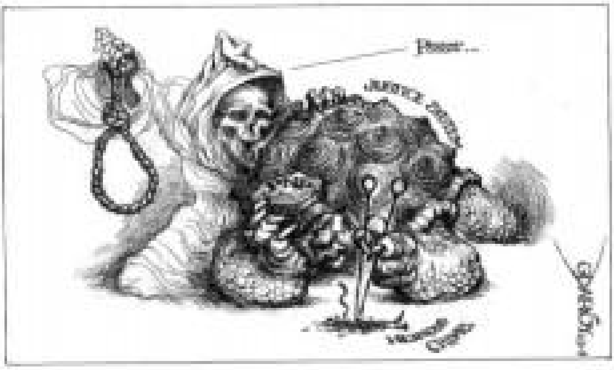
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Across the NATION

Central Mindanao kidnap gangs protected by execs, say police

COTABATO CITY—Influential persons in government, including politicians, are behind a spate of kidnappings in Central Mindanao and nearby areas, the city police chief said yesterday.

Weekly payoff keeps 'jueteng' alive in south Metro, Laguna

By Marlon Cinco
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Rules vs Islam prayer tagged jailbreak reason

Council declares state of calamity in Tacloban

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Senate probe of GMA rice imports sought

By TJ Burgonio and Norman Bordadora

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Valid basis

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Charges

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Start probe

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Chop-chop' bids excited the market, inflated prices of rice—NFA

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Cartel

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Huge price difference

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$1.4 billion

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Fictitious coops

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One financier

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Obama, Hu spar

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Circumstances different

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$45-B export deals

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Lozano vows son's death 'will not be in vain'

Venson's father reports getting death threats

PNP advice: How to reduce risk of being victimized by car thieves

Police comb Central Luzon for leads on carjack murders



'CHOP-CHOP' SHOP

Why Central Luzon favorite dump site of murder victims


ENJOY Tagaytay's mild weather all year round.
And EASILY REACH Sta. Rosa's business and leisure centers everyday.
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[illegible] was converted into a highly urbanized city as a result of a plebiscite held on Jan. 21, 1990.
Source: Inquirer Research

Faulty brakes halt MRT operations

6 hurt as passengers rush to exits

By Paolo G. Montecillo and Nancy C. Carvajal

A TECHNICAL problem disrupted the south-bound operations of the Metro Rail Transit (MRT) yesterday as a brake malfunction caused one of its trains to stall, forcing its passengers to alight from the coaches and walk to the nearest station about 200 meters away.

The police said six people were injured when some passengers, who panicked when they saw smoke coming from beneath one of the train cars, rushed toward the doors in their hurry to get out.

The incident took place two days after a faulty railing caused an escalator packed with people at the MRT Ayala station to stop abruptly, causing some of them to lose their balance.

As a result, nine people suffered minor injuries and six of them had to be taken to a hospital for treatment.

At around 9:52 a.m. yesterday, the pilot of MRT train no. 14

FAULTY A12



RESCUE personnel help passengers of the Metro Rail Transit who suffered minor injuries when panicking passengers rushed toward the doors after a train stopped between the Boni and Guadalupe stations due to a technical problem.



A POLICEMAN looks at one of two men who robbed a taxi driver and then fled with his cab. The two, who were killed in a shoot-out in Sampaloc, Manila, remain unidentified.

2 taxi robbers killed in Manila shoot-out

By Jeannette I. Andrade

TWO OF THREE men who held up a taxi driver and then fled with his cab were killed in a shoot-out with policemen in Manila before dawn yesterday.

The police said the third man was able to escape while his two companions had yet to be identified.

The shoot-out took place at around 2:00 a.m. yesterday on Dimasalang Street in Sampaloc, Manila, reports from the Manila Police District (MPD) Sampaloc Station 4 said.

Checkpoint set up

MPD Station 4 commander Supt. [illegible], said his men were manning a checkpoint at the corner of A. H. Lacson Avenue and [illegible] Street when they noticed an approaching "[illegible]" taxi.

He added that the policemen at the checkpoint flagged down the cab to inspect it but the driver stepped on the gas, leading to a chase.

[illegible] said his men caught up with the taxi cab on top of the Dimasalang Bridge.

Shots fired

However, the occupants of the vehicle started shooting at his men who were forced to return fire.

Two of the three men in the taxi cab were hit while their companion was able to escape.

[illegible] said that the real driver of the cab, [illegible]

2 TAXI A12

Another vehicle stolen; police official relieved

By Tina G. Santos and Nancy C. Carvajal

ANOTHER vehicle was reported stolen yesterday, this time on Timog Avenue in Quezon City.

According to Chief Insp. [illegible], the head of the antitheft unit of the Quezon City Police District (QCPD), the missing vehicle, a Toyota Grandia, was owned by and is issued to Cecil [illegible].

In a related development, Director [illegible] of the National Capital Region Police Office ordered the relief of the police community precinct (PCP) commander in charge of the area in Makati City where the vehicle of former senator and defeated vice presidential candidate [illegible] was carjacked the other day.

[illegible] said Chief Insp. [illegible], PCP-1 commander, had been relieved of his post pending the conduct of an investigation.

"Apparently, he failed to implement precautionary measures. The incident happened despite our intensified drive against car theft syndicates," [illegible] told the reporters.

He added, "We will intensify

ANOTHER A12

Faulty . . .

Commotion

Doors opened manually

Teen hurt as 10 shanties fall into creek

Refuge

Submerged stilts



Stude survives stabbing; teenage attacker at large

Escape

Retaliation

New-hire 'cleans out' mistress' room



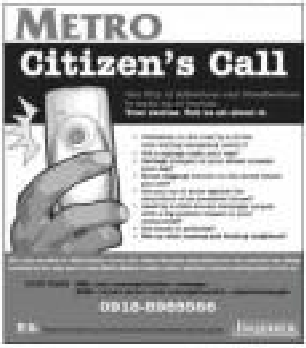
ARTIST'S rendition of helper suspected of robbing employer

METROBRIEFS

'UMak official texted girlfriend before death'

4 charged for trying to cash fake check

Another vehicle stolen; police official relieved



Chinoys to welcome New Year in Rizal Park

2 taxi robbers

Stolen loot recovered

GOP-led House votes to repeal US health care law

US woman sees family 23 yrs after abduction



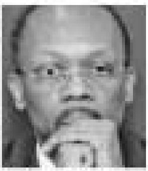
US President John F. Kennedy delivers his inaugural address after taking the oath of office at Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, in this Jan. 20, 1961 photo.

Do JFK's words 50 years ago still resonate in US today?

By Liz Sidoti

British PM seeks vast changes in health care

Aristide may follow Duvalier back to Haiti



JEAN-BERTRAND Aristide

Saddam wanted Soviets to head off US invasion in 1991

The WORLD

Report: Pakistan bungled Pearl murder investigation

KARACHI, PAKISTAN—The four men imprisoned for killing Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl were not present during his beheading but were convicted of murder because Pakistani authorities knowingly relied on perjured testimony and ignored other leads, says a report released Thursday.



DANIEL Pearl



CUSTOMER SATISFACTION AWARD FOR KIA PHILIPPINES

Michelle Obama's gown sends a message



MICHELLE Obama at the White House in Washington on Jan. 19



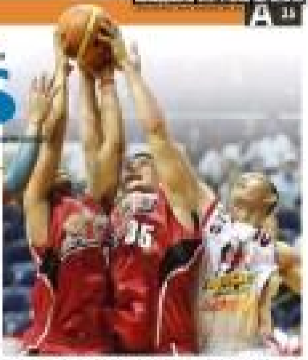
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Barako Bull applies for leave of absence

Paves way for Smart Gilas entry in 2 PBA tilts



By Musong R. Castillo



ROS trades Mercado, Jay-R Reyes

By Musong R. Castillo

Confident Gilas squad starts Dubai campaign today

Boxing PSA's NSA awardee

Pugs' rich medal harvest does it




REY Saludar: One of four PSA Athletes of the Year

So resumes Corus bid vs Indian GM

Guerrero, Laurel big DMG golf winners

Busy tennis year ahead; Olivarez sworn in

Dragon boat merged with canoe-kayak

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Epic Philippine Cup title series looms

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First Joint Golf Cup tilt blasts off Jan. 28

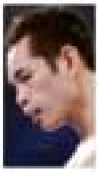
Champions League caging honors top stars today



VERSUS MONGOLIA
P-Noy to watch Azkals match



Donaire: I'm ready to fight tomorrow



DONAIRE

Each side will have three cards to play

ONE GAME AT A TIME

Sev Sarmenta



Concepcion, CSA tossers post sweep

World Slasher Cup final cast complete

Air Force Rider, Global Smartmatic forge UFL-LBC Cup duel

US champions vying in Pasay Int'l Derby

Love to be next US Ryder Cup captain

SPORTS

Mavericks stop Lakers, arrest skid



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Rafa advances; Roger survives



GP3 campaign for Stockinger

By Cedelf P. Tupas



St. Clare cue artists top first round

Teen pool sensation joins Bugsy stable



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Authorities aim to increase exports by 10% to $44.5B

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Ayala joins forces with Floirendos

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More local airlines prepare to expand in 2011

Greater competition puts pressure on plane ticket prices

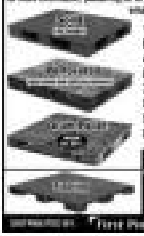
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Pepsi expects biomass facilities to go online in June

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Meralco says cut in capex budget possible

By Amy R. Remo

MANILA ELECTRIC Co., the country's biggest power distributor, may be

No missing gov't funds, BTr declares

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Latin American countries explore investment opportunities in Asia

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Mazda sales up by 54%

Product quality key to garments export sector revival

BOI, Peza target …

Gov't shrugs off …

China displaces Japan as 2nd largest economy

Mainland reported growth surged by 10.3% in 2010



Asian shares seen to suffer worst losses in five months

US, China ink export deals worth $45B

Firms may get caught in Asia as corruption rules tighten

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Tackling the new age the old-fashioned way



MARTIN PASCUAL

'This would not have been possible without our partners' trust'

Service quality in Philippine schools

By Josiah Go & Chiqui Escareal-Go
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Beekeeping to promote ecological balance

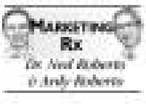






BEE POLLEN is gathered from about 3,000 flowers and is the most complete food on earth

What are the proper steps to take in strategic marketing?



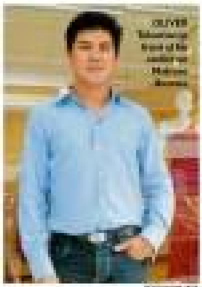
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The new market management model

LIFESTYLE Fashion & Beauty



How Oliver Tolentino gets his gowns on the red carpet



LA-based Filipino designer gets his breakout moment—'During awards season, I like to leave the display lights on in my shop late at night, so stylists get to see my stuff!'







BOLD SHOULDERS. [illegible]



SEEING GREEN. [illegible]

Padded shoulders, pink, and big rocks rule the Golden Globes



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This is where the industry starts picking the best and the worst of the awards season

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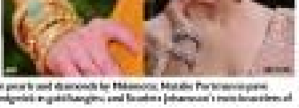
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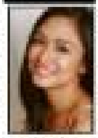
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This year, expect pops of color, disappearing brows

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Kelly Misa

Bleached brows

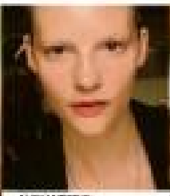
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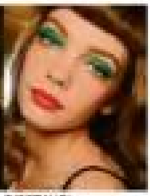
Lush lashes



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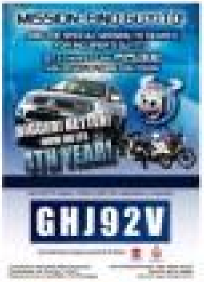
CHRISTIAN Dior

Also, long, thick lashes and silver hues around the eyes

Metallic lids

Peachy glow

Burgundy lips



Shedding holiday weight

More pricey but very effective treatments: Doc Belo's 84-day injections; house call by expert team; supine weight loss

MAKEOVER 911



Kinny Salas

Slim at Home

Supine weight loss



SLIM AT HOME'S Thermaslim tightens and firms stubborn areas

Vanity Basket



ACNE TREATMENT MADE SIMPLE

Award-winning whitening soap

Bright, bold eye makeup

Faux lashes with mascara



All-day lipstick





Milk for your skin



Chocolate-making seminar

Unlimited mobile Internet plans

Parenting workshop

LIFESTYLE Fashion&Beauty



Engaged couples are paying to make like models for a day



Welcome to the era of prenup—when photos have the feel of a fashion editorial, complete with styled clothes, edgy poses and creative photographers

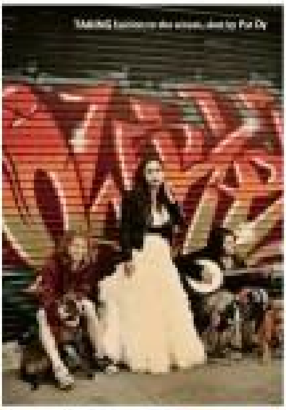
High drama













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Lucrative endeavor

Japanese, Arab-inspired lingerie, jewelry, accessories

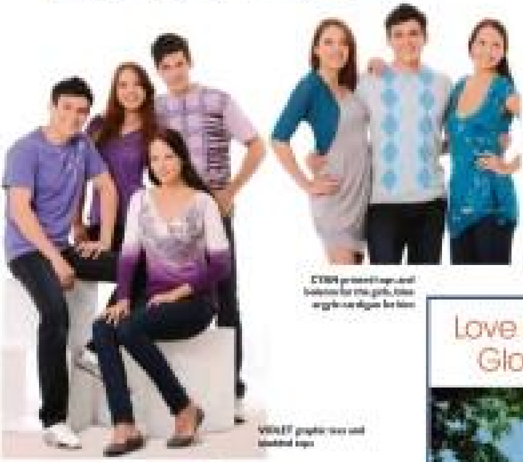






Red, maroon, purple, fuchsia—color is in









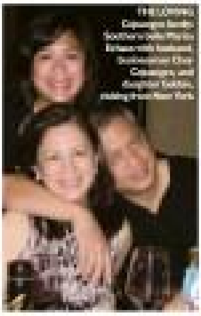








Premier revelry on the beach



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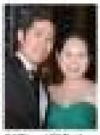
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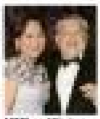








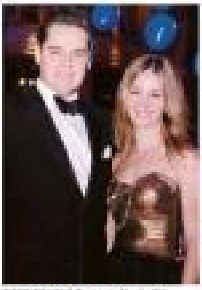




Fun at The Pen



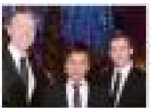


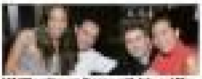


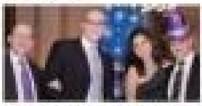




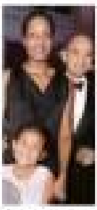












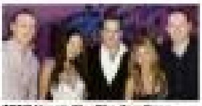


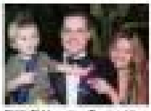














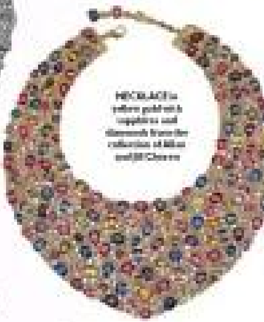
Elizabeth Taylor's collection steals the show at Bulgari exhibit



Her jewelry from 'Cleopatra' joins other famous pieces at the historic exhibit, where the jewels outshone the celebrity guests













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New York starts spreading the news: American minimalism and '70s fever



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LIFESTYLE Fashion&Beauty

'70s hippie chic, expressed in crystals



From 'The Wizard of Oz' to 'Moulin Rouge' and 'Black Swan' –Swarovski's jewelry springs from a 'spirit of playfulness' and a 'sense of poetry'



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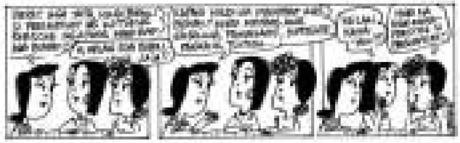


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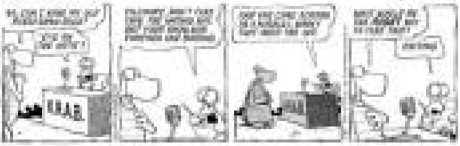


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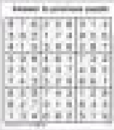
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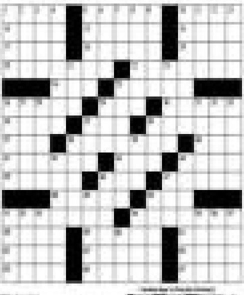
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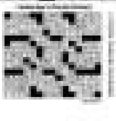
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'70s hippie chic, expressed in crystals









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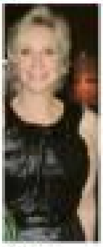




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Beyond Cantopop and chopsocky flicks

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

THERE'S more to Chinese cinema than chopsocky or Cantopop flicks.

To celebrate the Chinese New Year, the 5th Spring Festival will showcase four films that exemplify the diversity of China's cinema and culture.

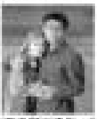
The Chinese film fest will run at the Shangri-La Plaza Mall from Jan. 28 to Feb. 1.

Among the four films in the lineup are Jingle Ma's war epic "Mulan"; Chen Kaige's biopic period drama "Forever Enthralled"; Han Wan-feng's delicious comedy "Queen of Cooking"; and Gao Feng's sweeping romance "The Grand River."


"FOREVER Enthralled"


"QUEEN of Cooking"

A project of Ateneo's Ricardo Leong Center for Chinese


"THE GRAND River"

Studies and Confucius Institute, the fest aims to serve as "a bridge between the Filipino and Chinese communities," explained Dr. Ricardo Leong.

"Amid globalization, we need to make our people more aware of what's happening in China," Leong said. "Cinema is an educational and enjoyable way to learn about other countries."

Sidney Bata, director of the Leong Center, said that various themes are covered in this year's fest.

"Mulan" tackles filial obedience and patriotism in a time of conflict. "Queen of Cooking" serves as introduction to Chinese cuisine.

"Forever Enthralled" gives a behind-the-scenes peek at the Peking opera.

"The Grand River" tells the story of a love that defies cultural and ethnic differences, with the construction of a dam as backdrop.

"Viewers will be able to catch blockbusters at a much lower ticket price," Bata said. Film ticket fee is only P100 per film.

"Mulan" lead star Vicki Zhao recently got a nod for Best Actress at the 30th Hundred Flowers Awards. Co-star Jaycee Chan, son of

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Building a local film audience

Council seeks to bring Filipinos back to cinemas

By Rapael Ban Diego Jr.



Cinemalaya fest holds auditions

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DIRECTOR Mario O'Hara looks for possible actors



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EACH aspirant's audition is videotaped and kept on file.

Marcos' downfall, Cory's rise



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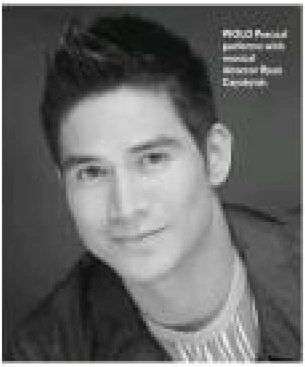
"MATANGLAWIN"

Kim vs Sumatran tiger

Back-to-back series

If you want to be serenaded, this is it

Choose Your Valentine Show







Star-watching at the Globes



Epitome of beauty

Fashion history



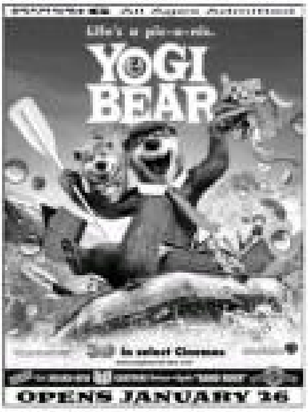
Rhea Santos in real life

Inspiring stories



"MILAN"

Beyond …











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